APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 3 and 12 are canceled.

The claims are amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A printer in which [plural] a plurality of types of recording material are usable, comprising:

an input section [for inputting] operable to automatically input type information representing [a type of] one of said types of said recording material, wherein each of said types of said recording material has at least one printing region having a shape or a position which is different than said at least one printing region of other types of said recording material; and

a controller for designating [one] a printing mode in accordance with said type information, and for printing an image to said recording material in accordance with said designated printing mode, said controller processing said image for laying out said image in said printing region in accordance with said designated printing mode.

4. (Amended) A printer as defined in claim [3] 2, further comprising:

a printer body;

a loading slot formed in said printer body; and

a sheet supply container, set at said loading slot removably, for containing said recording material, said information recording medium being secured to said sheet supply container;

wherein said input section further includes:

a first contact pattern for outputting said type information from said information recording medium; and

a second contact pattern, connected with said controller, for contacting said first contact pattern in response to setting of said sheet supply container at said loading slot.

6. (Amended) A printer as defined in claim 4, wherein said information recording medium [is ROM] comprises a read only memory (ROM);

further comprising a circuit board connected with said ROM and provided with said first contact pattern.

9. (Amended) A printer as defined in claim 4, wherein said [plural] types of recording material include a standard type and a sticker type.

10. (Amended) A printing method in which [plural] a plurality of types of recording material are usable, comprising steps of:

automatically inputting type information representing [a type of] one of said types of said recording material, wherein each of said types of said recording material has at least one printing region having a shape or a position which is different than said at least one printing region of other types of said recording material;

designating [one] a printing mode in accordance with said type information;

processing said image for laying out said image in said printing region in accordance with said designated printing mode; and

printing an image to said recording material in accordance with said designated printing mode.

13. (Amended) A printing method as defined in claim [12] 11, wherein a printer is used to effect said printing step;

further comprising steps of:

containing said recording material in a sheet supply container settable in said printer, wherein said information recording medium is secured to said sheet supply container;

connecting said information recording medium with said printer in response to setting of said sheet supply container in said printer.

14. (Amended) A printing method as defined in claim 13, wherein said information recording medium [is ROM] comprises a read only memory (ROM).

17. (Amended) A printing method as defined in claim 13, wherein said [plural] types of said recording material include a standard type and a sticker type.